

Sermon

“Sacrifice”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer

\*Sermon Hymn

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

(Blue #377/Screen)

\*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed

Offering/Offertory

“O Presby-tree”

Adult Choir

Written by our Executive Presbyter Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller

\*Doxology

(Blue #592/Screen)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Blue #339/Screen)

\*Charge/Benediction

“Aaron’s Blessing”

Postlude

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Notes:

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Sunday, January 18, 2026  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Christmas

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God’s love, grace and hope.

- We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.
- Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.

*God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God’s love in Christ, and we invite you to join us.*

*Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, which is aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:15 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 3:00 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).*

\*(Please stand as you are able)

Prelude

Welcome

\*Opening Song “Lay It All Down” (Screen)

\*Call to Worship Lay Reader: Brooke Appleby

One: Sing a new song,  
**ALL: A song of thanks and praise,**  
One: For God has done wondrous deeds,  
**ALL: And is great beyond compare!**

\*Morning Prayer  
One: Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day so that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus’ name we pray.  
**ALL: Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” (Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession  
**ALL: Great God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, so that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri (Screen)

\*Passing of the Peace (Let us share Christ’s peace by greeting each other)

Special Music “This Little Light” Adult Choir

Children’s Sermon  
Response “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (STF #2193/Screen)

Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys

Prayer for Illumination  
One: Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove. Open our ears to the truth of your Word, so that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed.  
**ALL: Amen.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 40: 1-11

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 **Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**
- 5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
- 6 **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**
- 7 Then I said, ‘Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- 8 **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.’**
- 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
- 10 **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**
- 11 Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-42

**HOSPITALITY SERVANTS**

**Coffee Servers**

**January 18th:** Harold & Jonelle Foreman

**January 25th:** Harold & Jonelle Foreman

**Ushers**

**January 18th:** Jerry & Jody Leason, Sue Block

**January 25th:** (open)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Lay Readers**

**January 18th:** Brooke Appleby

**January 25th:** (open)

**Acolytes**

Savannah Appleby

Madelyn Titus

(open)

**Sound Operators:** Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus

**Video Operators:** Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,  
& Barry Sampson

**Screen Operators:** Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Isaac Taatjes

**Radio Operators:** Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes

**\*\*Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library)  
to usher or lay read. Thank You!\*\***

**FINANCE REPORT**

	Month of Dec 2025	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date Jan – Dec 2025	Prior Year to Date Jan – Dec 2024
Income	\$51,644.70	\$23,683.37	\$284,200.47	\$293,461.85
Expenses	\$23,632.90	\$22,756.68	\$273,080.12	\$283,267.81
Net Profit (Loss)	\$28,011.80		\$11,120.35	\$10,194.04
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$26,748.96
Per Capita Assessment for 2025				\$7,500.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 12/31/2025				\$4,998.00

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

**HOPE’S HAPPENINGS!**

**Adult Bible Study**

It’s not too late to join us for our Bible book study! We are reading *Making Sense of Scripture* by David J. Lose. If you would like to participate in this study, please come even if you haven’t signed up. We will get you a book!

**CARE Pantry Challenge**

**January’s products of the month are.... Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and mouthwash.** Please leave your donations in the box by the mailboxes or on the table in front of the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support of the CARE Pantry!

**January-February-March “These Days” Devotionals**

They have finally arrived! The devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

**2025 Annual Report**

The 2025 Annual Report is in your mailbox in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring it home to review it this week and come to the meeting with any questions. Please make sure to bring it back for the meeting. Thanks!

**2026 Per Capita** is \$47 per member.

**Congregational Annual Meeting**

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> right after the worship service. A potluck will be held after the meeting, so bring something yummy to share with the congregation! There will be no Bible study this Sunday.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses**

Presented at the Barn Theater in February. Get you tickets now! See the poster on the Community Events bulletin board for more information.

\*Make sure to check out the bulletin board by the offices for more Community events!

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 18th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Bible Study
January 19th (Monday)	8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
January 20th (Tuesday)	11 am – 2 pm	CARE Pantry product distribution
	12:00 p.m.	CARE Pantry lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday’s Table – Faith Lutheran Spicer
January 21st (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m.	Family meal – pizza!
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:20 p.m.	WOW
	6:30 p.m.	TAG
	7:15 p.m.	Choir practice
January 22nd (Thursday)		
January 23rd (Friday)		
January 24th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
January 25th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Baptism of Kolter Hatch (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Annual Meeting Potluck to follow No Bible Study

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**\*Denotes New**

**Members with Health Issues:**  
Greg Swenson, Gaylord Lind, John & Conny Williamson, Arlos Jones

**Family and Friends with Health Issues:**  
Joanne (Larry Bratsch’s sister) Jan (Terpstra’s daughter)  
Randy Dahlberg (Lisa Thorson’s cousin’s friend)  
Barb (Grace Hofer’s step mom – friend of Brian & Tyann)  
Paul (Joni’s daughter’s father-in-law) Kim (Joni’s sister)  
Karen (Joni’s cousin) Wayne (Bob & Carol’s friend)  
Annette (Sherry Bratsch’s friend)

**Grieving:**  
Family of Mike Bundy, Family of Barb Morris, Family of Jeanette Gault

**Care Facilities:**  
Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)  
Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks apartments – New London)  
Hilda Grosklags (Glen Oaks apartments – New London)  
Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)  
David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)  
Dan Quale (Bethesda North Pointe – New London)  
Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

**Other Concerns:**  
For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction  
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence  
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war  
For those affected by natural disasters, illnesses

**\*\*Please Note** If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian.

**January Deacons of the Month:** Gaylord Lind & Jackie Wahl